

INITIATIVE 946

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 946 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1 AN ACT Relating to illegal immigration; adding a new section to
2 chapter 74.04 RCW; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** INTENT. The intent of this act is to
5 prohibit illegal aliens from receiving public benefits unless mandated
6 by the federal government. Public Benefits as used herein shall mean
7 all non-federally mandated programs in RCW Chapter 74, in addition to
8 all non-federally mandated state and local welfare programs including
9 TANF, Medicaid, Food Stamps, WIC, public housing, and their successor
10 programs.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** SHORT TITLE. This act may be known and
12 cited as the Washington taxpayer and citizen protection act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 VERIFYING APPLICANTS FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS--VIOLATION--
16 CLASSIFICATION--CITIZEN SUITS. (1) An agency of this state and all of
17 its political subdivisions, including local governments, that are

1 responsible for the administration of state and local public benefits
2 that are not federally mandated shall do all of the following:

3 (a) Verify the identity of each applicant for those benefits and
4 verify that the applicant is eligible for benefits as prescribed by
5 this section;

6 (b) Provide any other employee of this state or any of its
7 political subdivisions with information to verify the immigration
8 status of any applicant for those benefits and assist the employee in
9 obtaining that information from federal immigration authorities;

10 (c) Refuse to accept any identification card issued by the state or
11 any political subdivision of this state, including a driver's license,
12 to establish identity or determine eligibility for those benefits
13 unless the issuing authority has verified the immigration status of the
14 applicant; and

15 (d) Require all employees of the state and its political
16 subdivisions to make a written report to federal immigration
17 authorities for any violation of federal immigration law by any
18 applicant for benefits that is discovered by the employee.

19 (2) Failure to report discovered violations of federal immigration
20 law by an employee is a misdemeanor. If that employee's supervisor
21 knew of the failure to report and failed to direct the employee to make
22 the report, the supervisor is guilty of a misdemeanor.

23 (3) This section shall be enforced without regard to race,
24 religion, gender, ethnicity, or national origin. Any person who is a
25 resident of this state shall have standing in any court of record to
26 bring suit against any agent or agency of this state or its political
27 subdivisions to remedy any violation of this section, including an
28 action for mandamus.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The provisions of this act are to be
30 liberally construed to effectuate the intent and purpose of this act in
31 favor of Washington state residents.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
33 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
34 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
35 persons or circumstances is not affected.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Captions used in this act are not any part
2 of the law.

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